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At Table 3 (continued), page 28, please amend as follows

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| <u>Example</u>              | 11     | 12        | 1    | 13     | 14   | 15   |
| <b>Spinning Conditions</b>  |        |           |      |        |      |      |
| Polymer Concentration (wt%) | 18     | 14        | 18   | 16     | 16   | 20   |
| Spinning Temperature (°C)   | 208    | 209       | 209  | 210    | 210  | 218  |
| Letdown Pressure            | -      | 1520      | 1390 | 1370   | 1350 | 1415 |
| Screens                     | None   | 7x50      | 7x50 | None   | 7x50 | 7x50 |
| Spin Orifice L/D            | Std    | 4/1       | 4/1  | std    | Std  | 4/1  |
| Entrance Angle (degrees)    | 60     | 23.6      | 23.6 | 15 °   | 23.6 | 23.6 |
| Tunnel                      | No rad | No rad    | Rad  | No rad | Rad  | Rad  |
| Crush Properties            |        |           |      |        |      |      |
| Actual Crush Height(mm)     | 16.7   | 12.0      | 13.3 | 13.3   | 15.3 | 13.7 |
| Normalized Crush Height     | 6.9    | 5.5       | 5.8  | 6.3    | 7.1  | 5.3  |
| (mm) (Normalized to 1 g)    |        |           |      |        |      |      |
| Restored Height (mm)        | 19.4   | 15.9      | 20.5 | 19.1   | 17.5 | 28.3 |
| Crush value (mm/g)          | 1.13   | 1.78      | 3.13 | 2.75   | 1.02 | 5.71 |
| Surface Area (m²/g)         | 8.07   | 3.57      | 3.30 | 4.6    | 7.5  | 1.7  |

## IN THE CLAIMS:

5. (Amended) A nonwoven unitary fibrous sheet comprised of substantially continuous polyethylene plexifilamentary fiber strands and having a Frazier Permeability, normalized to 1.0 oz/yd² basis weight, of at least 2 cfm/ft².

6. (Amended) A nonwoven unitary fibrous sheet comprised of substantially continuous polyethylene plexifilamentary fiber strands and having a hydrostatic head of at least 110 cm and a Gurley Hill Porosity of less than 6 seconds.

Claim 19, delete in its entirety.

Please add the following new claims:

- 28. A polyethylene plexifilamentary fiber strand produced by a process comprising flash spinning a solution of 12% to 24% by weight polyethylene in spin agent comprising pentane and cyclopentane at a spinning temperature from about 205°C to 220°C to form said plexifilamentary fiber strand having a surface area of less than 10 m²/g and a crush value of at least 1 mm/g.
- 29. A nonwoven unitary fibrous sheet produced by a process comprising flash spinning a solution of 12% to 24% by weight polyethylene in spin agent

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